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Former South Carolina Congressman Mark Sanford to challenge Trump in GOP primary

Two-term governor is third Republican to mount a campaign against Trump.

Former South Carolina Congressman and Gov. Mark Sanford. REUTERS

Former South Carolina Congressman Mark Sanford will challenge President Donald Trump in the Republican Party primary, he announced on Sunday in an interview with Fox News.

"I'm here to tell you now that I am going to get in," Sanford said on Fox News Sunday, adding that he will formally launch his bid for the party's 2020 White House nomination in South Carolina later this week.

He becomes the third Republican to enter the race to challenge Trump, who remains popular within the Republican Party.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld and former U.S. Rep. from Illinois Joe Walsh have also launched long-shot campaigns, but neither candidate has gained traction.

Sanford, 59, a longtime Trump critic, lost his seat in the House of Representatives last year after he was challenged by a Trump supporter in the Republican primary.

Also a former two-term governor of South Carolina from 2003 to 2011, Sanford will not be able to compete in his state's own Republican primary after the South Carolina Republican Party executive committee voted on Saturday not to hold one to save more than $1.2 million and pave the way for Trump's re-election.

Sanford told Reuters by phone on Sunday that he was disappointed in South Carolina Republicans' decision.

"In raw political terms, it's a hurt because in 25 years of politics, you get to know a lot of people. A primary is helpful for campaign organizing and fundraising," Sanford said.

> **"This debate is much bigger than South Carolina."**
>
> Former S.C. Congressman Mark Sanford

He said government spending, budget deficits and the national debt will be the "epicenter" of his campaign, issues that had traditionally been central to the Republican Party.

He added that he hopes his run will force a discussion about trade protectionism, the future of conservative politics, culture, the balance of powers in the government and the tone of political speech.

"This debate is much bigger than South Carolina," he said. "It's a national debate we hope to foster in the country at large."

Sanford's term as governor was marked with scandal when he went missing after telling staff that he had left the state to hike the Appalachian Trail. Instead, he had traveled to Argentina to meet with his mistress, which he admitted in a news conference hours after returning.

He served two stints in Congress. First, before being elected governor, he served in the U.S. House from 1995 to 2001. After leaving the governor's office, he was elected to a second stint from 2013 to 2019. REUTERS

Director of MIT's Media Lab resigns over Epstein scandal

2 The director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Media Lab stepped down on Saturday after a New Yorker magazine article revealed the lab tried to conceal donations from disgraced late financier Jeffrey Epstein, the university said. "This afternoon, Joi Ito submitted his resignation as Director of the Media Lab and as a professor and employee of the Institute," MIT President Rafael Reif said in a letter posted online. Ito could not be reached for immediate comment. The New York Times and New Yorker reported he said in an internal email, "After giving the matter a great deal of thought ... I think that it is best that I resign... effective immediately." Last month, Reif said the elite university would review its process for accepting donations after taking about $800,000 from foundations controlled by Epstein, who committed suicide while in jail awaiting trial on sex-trafficking charges. REUTERS

FBI seeks evidence in CA dive boat fire that killed 34

3 Federal and local investigators on Sunday carried out search warrants involving the owners of a diving boat that caught fire off the California coast in the middle of the night last week, killing 34 people. Agents from the FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office searched the offices and two additional vessels owned by Truth Aquatics of Santa Barbara, owner of the Conception, on which the deadly blaze occurred last Monday, FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said. Little is known about what caused the fire to erupt or why no one below deck was able to escape. The FBI's involvement indicates that authorities are conducting a criminal investigation in the case. The only survivors — the captain and four crew members — were on deck when the flames erupted shortly after 3 a.m. and were able to escape. REUTERS

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Philly to train 1,000 'Census Champions' for 2020 count

Ever wonder why the census matters? Philly wants to fill you in.

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Philadelphia's "Love Park." GETTY IMAGES

Philadelphia is launching a Census Champion training program to better educate people about why the census matters.

Mayor Jim Kenney said in a statement that, "The City of Philadelphia is committed to helping every member of our community understand why the census is so critical for all of us."

Kenney added, "That is why we established Philly Counts 2020 and the Complete Count Committee. From now until December 2019, we are building capacity and planning our work, with a focus on coordinating outreach and educating the public about the census through a neighbor-to-neighbor approach. The Census Champions program is an integral part of our efforts."

Census data helps determine Congressional representation as well as federal funding for the city, Kenney said, adding that an incomplete count could affect the city for the next decade.

The Census Champions will be trained to talk about the census and how it relates to their community, promote participation, and debunk census myths.

Stephanie Reid, executive director of Philly Counts 2020, said in a statement that, "People tend to trust members of their community more than the government or other official sources. Census Champions will be our voices in their community, having the great responsibility to educate people in their circles."

The census training will last around 90 minutes and cover everything from census 101 and more. Sessions to become a Census Champion will take place on Sept. 17.

The training will be available in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Arabic and Korean. If interested, people can choose which session to participate in.

Many locations throughout the city will be offering these training sessions. Some popular locations for census training include Temple University, University of Pennsylvania and Community College of Philadelphia. For other sites offering the training, officials have shared a map online.

"The invitation is open to all community members, teachers, block captains, religious leaders, youth and elected officials," said Reid. "I encourage all Philadelphians to participate. Philly Counts is working with an intentional variety of organizations to host training sessions in as many neighborhoods as possible. We want to make this accessible for everyone."

BRIEF

Fox 29 anchor sues Facebook, Reddit for $10 million

Fox 29's Karen Hepp, who co-hosts "Good Day Philadelphia," has filed a $10 million lawsuit against social-media giants Facebook and Reddit for allegedly using her image in ads for dating apps and erectile dysfunction treatment.

The suit, filed last week in federal court, also alleges that the photo was published on the sites Giphy and Imgur without her permission.

Hepp stated that use of her image without consent violates Pennsylvania's publicity statutes, the Inquirer reported. She reportedly became aware that the image was being used two years ago, when colleagues at Fox 29 brought it to her attention.

It was reported that Hepp is unsure where the image was taken, but it is likely from a convenience store in New York City.

According to Philadelphia Magazine, her image appeared on a Facebook ad for a dating site that told readers to check out the link and "meet and chat with single women."

Hepp's suit is also asking for the images and gifs to be removed from the websites.

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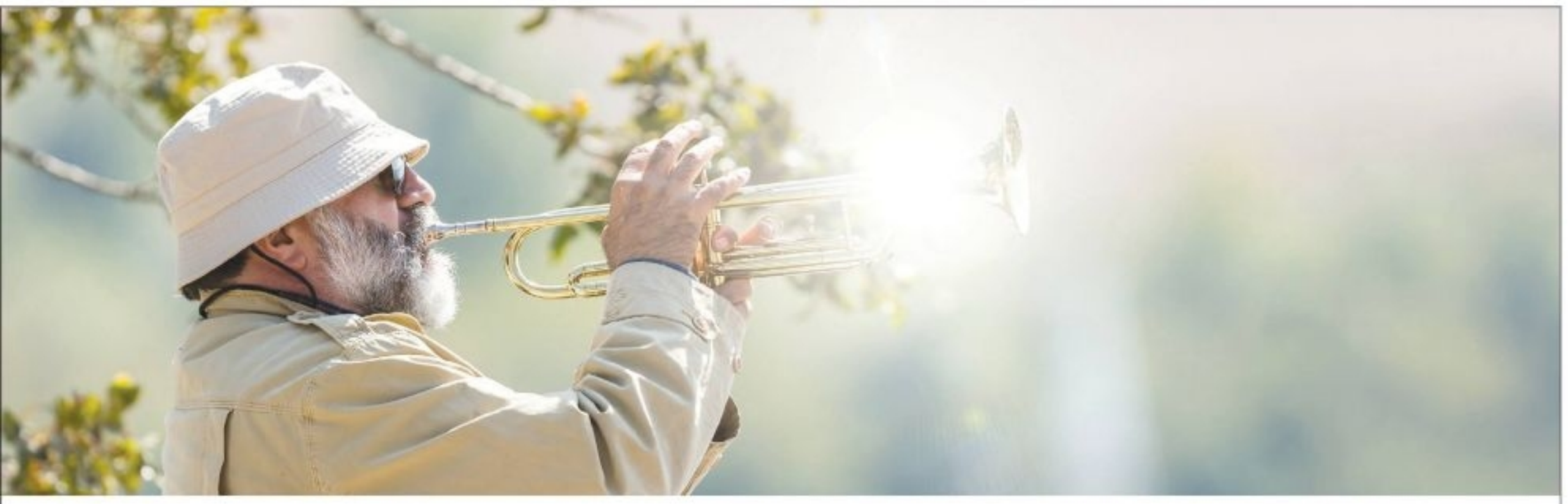

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Billionaire donor and liberal activist Tom Steyer. REUTERS IMAGES

Billionaire Tom Steyer clears hurdle to join fourth US Democratic debate in October

Activist's campaign is self-funded.

U.S. Democratic presidential hopeful Tom Steyer, a billionaire environmentalist and political donor, said on Sunday he has qualified to participate in the fourth Democratic debate in October, putting him on-stage alongside the leading contenders for the first time.

The 62-year-old former hedge fund manager from San Francisco, who is not well-known beyond political circles, will be one of 11 candidates who has met the Democratic National Committee's minimum requirements to participate in the Ohio debate on Oct. 15-16.

"It's now more clear than ever that Tom's message is resonating with Americans across the country — that it is time to break the corporate stranglehold on Washington and bring democracy back to the American people," Steyer campaign manager Heather Hargreaves said.

Steyer launched his self-funded campaign to win the White House in November 2020 on July 9 after saying earlier this year that he would not run and focus on efforts to impeach President Donald Trump. His campaign is focusing on getting corporate money out of U.S. politics.

He has worked for years on climate change and voter engagement and donated about $170 million since 2015 to his independent political action committees, Need to Impeach and NextGen America.

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During the 2017-2018 election cycle, he was the second-largest donor to Democratic and liberal candidates and causes, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Steyer did not qualify for the third debate, which will take place in Houston this week with the top 10 candidates.

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Fifth person dies from vaping-related lung disease in US: CDC

A Los Angeles County resident has died from a lung illness possibly tied to vaping, bringing the total number of such U.S. deaths to five, health officials said on Friday.

Officials are warning against e-cigarette use as the exact cause of any link between vaping and the lung condition remains unknown.

The unidentified person was described as an older adult who had chronic underlying health conditions and was one of 12 cases of people in Los Angeles County experiencing severe and sudden lung disease after a history of vaping, said Muntu Davis, the health officer of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

"Our recommendation ... is that if you don't have to vape, don't do it right now. There really is a lot of information that needs to be gathered," he said during a news conference.

Deaths have also been confirmed in Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota and Oregon, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said on Friday. In addition, the agency is probing 450 cases of lung illness that may have been caused by e-cigarette use around the country.

The CDC said the total count of confirmed cases of illness linked to vaping remained at 215, the same as its update last month, but a number of other cases of lung illnesses remained under investigation.

Staff from health agencies, including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), said they have not linked the illnesses to any specific e-cigarette product or any particular substance in the e-cigarettes.

The FDA said on Friday many of the samples tested by the states or by the agency as part of the investigation contain tetrahydrocannabinol (or THC), the psychoactive component of cannabis. Most of those samples with THC tested also contained significant amounts of Vitamin E acetate, the agency said.

"Consumers are urged to avoid buying vaping products on the street, and to refrain from using THC oil or modifying/adding any substances to products purchased in stores," the FDA said in a statement.

> **"Our recommendation ... is that if you don't have to vape, don't do it right now. There really is a lot of unknowns. There is a lot of information that needs to be gathered."**
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> Muntu Davis, health officer, L.A. County Dept. of Public Health

The CDC said no evidence of infectious diseases has been identified and therefore the lung illnesses are likely associated with a chemical exposure.

"Something has to be done. There's not enough regulation. There's not enough action taken by our politicians," said Tim Johnson during a news conference in Illinois on Thursday after his daughter fell ill with a lung illness believed to have been caused by vaping. "We may have dodged a bullet with our daughter."

E-cigarettes are generally thought to be safer than traditional cigarettes, which kill up to half of all lifetime users, according to the World Health Organization. But the long-term health effects of vaping are largely unknown. REUTERS

Vaping products are displayed for sale in a shop in Manhattan in New York City. REUTERS

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Sediq Sediqqi, spokesperson for the president of Afghanistan, speaks during a press conference in Kabul. ALL GETTY IMAGES

Taliban says 'more losses to US' after Trump abruptly ends Afghan peace talks

U.S. president criticized for planning to meet group stateside.

President Donald Trump's decision to cancel Afghan peace talks will cost more American lives, the Taliban said on Sunday while the United States promised to keep up military pressure on the militants, in a stunning reversal of efforts to forge a deal ending nearly 20 years of war in Afghanistan.

The Islamist group issued a statement hours after Trump unexpectedly canceled planned secret talks with the Taliban's "major leaders" at the presidential compound in Camp David, Maryland. He broke off the talks after the Taliban claimed responsibility for an attack in Kabul last week that killed an American soldier and 11 others.

Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, criticized Trump for calling off the dialogue and said U.S. forces have been pounding Afghanistan with attacks at the same time.

"This will lead to more losses to the U.S.," he said in a statement. "Its credibility will be affected, its anti-peace stance will be exposed to the world, losses to lives and assets will increase."

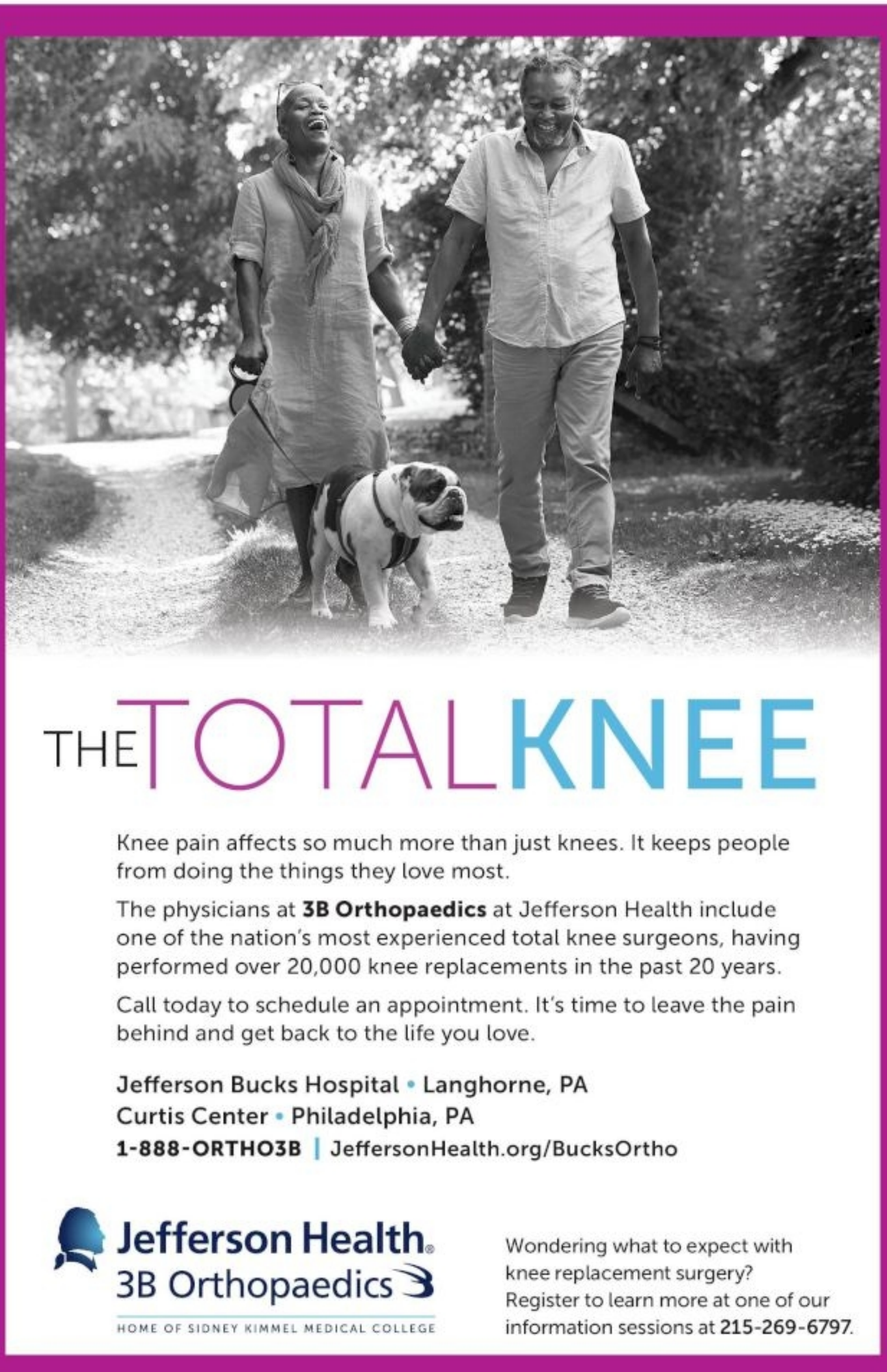
In Washington, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said that Afghan peace talks were on hold and Washington would not withdraw troops from the region until it was convinced the Taliban could follow through on any significant commitments.

The United States has recalled U.S. special envoy for Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad to chart the path forward, Pompeo said in appearances on Sunday TV news shows. Asked on "Fox News Sunday" whether Afghan talks were dead, Pompeo said, "For the time being they are."

Trump has long wanted to end U.S. involvement in Afghanistan — since his days as a candidate — and American diplomats have been talking with Taliban representatives for months about a plan to withdraw thousands of American troops in exchange for security guarantees by the Taliban.

U.S. and Taliban negotiators struck a draft peace deal last week that could have led to a drawdown of troops from America's longest war. There are currently 14,000 U.S. forces as well as thousands of other

A wounded man is brought by ambulance to the Wazir Akbar Khan hospital following a suicide attack in Kabul on Sept. 5, 2019.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NATO troops in the country, 18 years after its invasion by a U.S.-led coalition following the Sept. 11, 2001, al Qaeda attacks on the United States.

Fighting in Afghanistan has continued amid the talks and recent assaults by the Taliban cast doubts over the draft deal.

CAMP DAVID SURPRISE

Asked about the Camp David meeting scheduled for Sunday, Pompeo said Trump decided to get personally involved to get the agreement to the finish line.

"President Trump ultimately made the decision," Pompeo told Fox. "He said, 'I want to talk to (President) Ashraf Ghani. I want to talk to these Taliban negotiators. I want to look them in the eye. I want to see if we can get to the final outcome we needed.'"

Trump was criticized, even by some fellow Republicans, for having offered to host on U.S. soil a militant group that has killed American troops and had sheltered al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Republican U.S. Reps. Adam Kinzinger and Liz Cheney said the Taliban were still fighting Americans and harboring its enemies.

"Camp David is where America's leaders met to plan our response after al Qaeda, supported by the Taliban, killed 3,000 Americans on 9/11," Cheney, whose father, Dick Cheney, was U.S. vice president at the time of the attacks, wrote on Twitter on Sunday. "No member of the Taliban should set foot there. Ever."

Americans will on Wednesday mark the 18th anniversary of the al Qaeda attacks that killed more than 3,000 people in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

Taliban fighters, who now control more territory than at any time since 2001, launched assaults over the past week that included a suicide attack in Kabul on Thursday that killed U.S. Army Sergeant 1st Class Elis A. Barreto Ortiz, 34, from Puerto Rico, bringing the number of American troops killed in Afghanistan this year to 16.

Pompeo said the United States will not let up on military support for Afghan troops until the Taliban take the necessary steps to show they are serious about peace.

Earlier this month, senior security officials in Kabul said joint air raids by U.S. and Afghan forces against the Taliban have not subsided. Pompeo said more than 1,000 Taliban fighters have been killed in Afghanistan in the last 10 days.

"If the Taliban don't behave, if they don't deliver on the commitments that they've made to us now for weeks, and in some cases months, the president is not going to reduce the pressure. We're not going to reduce our support for the Afghan security forces that have fought so hard there in Afghanistan," Pompeo said in an interview with CNN's "State of the Union."

"We're not just going to withdraw because there's a timeline," he said. REUTERS

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By now you have probably heard the latest D.C. dustup over President Trump and the Sharpie. If not, in a nutshell: He claimed that Hurricane Dorian had Alabama in its sights days after its path had shifted elsewhere. The National Weather Service said he was mistaken. He could have just said "My bad" and moved on, but there he was on TV this week with a map from the National Hurricane Center on which there was a possible hurricane path — apparently extended with a Sharpie to include, you guessed it, a chunk of Alabama.

Trump was wrong about the Alabama comment to begin with. He then compounded the falsehood by repeating it over and over. Then he blamed the media. And all of this while the storm in question was in fact bearing down on the southeast coast. Why? Simple: Trump never admits he is wrong — especially when the facts show he is emphatically, undeniably, and provably wrong. Which in this case, he was. The truth was plain to see, unless you are a Trump fan who simply cannot stomach even the slightest suggestion he has ever been wrong about anything.

But the story here is not about clumsy attempts at fraudulent cartography. The map incident merely underscores how stunningly common such things have become under this administration, as time and again Trump has engaged in what was once seen as unethical, unacceptable and undignified behavior. And now, it's just normal.

Promoting your private business interests from the presidential podium? Fine. Routinely lying, misleading, and then denying your own statements? No worry. Tweeting petty attacks at anyone who opposes you? Great. Declaring journalists to be enemies of the people? Fawning in front of the Russians? Race baiting? Denying the truth of anything that you don't like? The list goes on and on, and while such behavior once triggered roaring disapproval, in the new Washington people pretty much just shrug.

Whether you like Trump or despise him, this is the new normal — a Cocteau-like world where he perpetually insists reality is whatever he imagines it to be, and where an amateurish, misleading scrawl on a map is hardly enough to raise an eyebrow.

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Global Neurosciences Institute at Crozer is redefining patient-centered care. When dealing with a neurologic condition, every patient deserves the most skilled, attentive and compassionate team of experts in their corner. Global Neurosciences Institute (GNI) delivers just that. Dr. Erol Veznedaroglu, a cerebrovascular neurosurgeon and chair of GNI, opens up about how they're raising the bar.

In what ways is GNI at Crozer challenging standard neurologic care?

What we've done is taken health care back and made it a patient-centric experience. When you really think about how many health care providers are truly doing that, it's really rare. In this era, almost everything is in this confined, protocolized system. The problem with that is that's not how health care works. Health care is not just science, it's an artform, particularly in the neurosciences. If you're a really good surgeon, but a bad doctor, you're not really helping the patient–and vice versa.

What does this look like in practice?

As soon as you walk in the door at most doctors' offices, the doctor turns their back on you, then clicks away on a keyboard, entering a bunch of things that have nothing to do with your health care. It's a terrible trend, which is why I banned computers from our exam rooms. In my world, if you're coming to see me or one of our team it's because of something serious–a potential brain tumor, aneurysm, or debilitating neurologic disease. These patients need you to look at them, and we as doctors need to listen. Are they scared? Do they not understand or believe what I'm saying? These are things we need to tune into.

How else is GNI at Crozer reimagining patient care?

Most doctors will tell you they can't keep up with the current list of medications patients are on–not only because there's so many, but because they're so diverse, and the drug-drug interactions can be complex. I spend the first half of my office hours going over getting my patients off medications they shouldn't be on. For instance, maybe the reason a patient is blacking out is from a medication that's causing low blood pressure. In other words, a neurologic condition isn't the culprit. We brought on a pharmacist who's absolutely brilliant and had the vision to start a new specialty, neuro pharmacy, which brings together two diverse specialties. She has a phenomenal bedside manner and sees patients with us and manages all of our medications.

What does the future look like for GNI at Crozer?

One of the most exciting things in the future of neuroscience is called functional neuroscience, which involves manipulating the brain. For example, for patients who have very severe Parkinson's disease, we understand those pathways in the brain now because of our imaging. Now surgically, we can go in and stimulate specific areas while the patient's awake in the operating room. It's literally a dial we can adjust, and you can see the tremor go away right then and there. It's incredible. We're on the forefront now of using the same approach to treat severe depression, OCD and more. It's about stimulating or inhibiting certain pathways to correct these pathologies.

What makes GNI at Crozer stand out in terms of treating neurologic conditions?

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3,758 School backpacks laid at the United Nations show the grave scale of child deaths in conflict in 2018

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In this handout provided by UNICEF, on Sept. 8, 2019, a UNICEF installation illustrating the devastating scale of child deaths in conflict zones in 2018 is unveiled at the United Nations in New York. The display features 3,758 backpacks — symbols of childhood — in rows reminiscent of a graveyard, each one representing the senseless loss of a young life to conflict. As many children go back to school this week, we are drawing attention to the thousands of children killed in conflict zones and whose tragic loss will forever be felt in their classrooms, communities and homes around the world. In two weeks, world leaders gathering at the United Nations General Assembly will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. This installation is intended to remind them of the need for greater protection for children living in conflict. GETTY IMAGES

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Wanting to introduce consensual non-monogamy into your relationship is more common than you might think, but discussing it with your partner can be tricky terrain. Metro spent time with PhIIRST's Sara Mairs, LSW, MSW, to talk about how to open your relationship in a way that brings about deeper satisfaction for all parties.

What does opening your relationship look like?

It's different for every couple. It may be more sexually focused where they're curious about exploring sex with others or group sex together, but preserving the intimacy and emotional connection they have with their partner. Some might be wanting to open the relationship up in terms of forming emotional bonds with others. Every individual is unique, but the thing to remember is that there's nothing wrong with wanting to explore these things — the key is doing so in a respectful way that everyone's comfortable with.

I'm scared to talk to my partner about this.

When someone hears their partner say that they want to open things up, a lot of people might feel like what their partner is saying is that they're not enough for them. When they feel that, it's an automatic threat to the relationship. In reality, of course, that's rarely the case. A trained therapist can help iron out the communication here and make sense of all the nuances.

How can I broach the topic?

Understand that this is going to be an uncomfortable conversation, regardless of whether or not this is something you want. You have to feel it out by asking your partner questions. You can start with hypotheticals to see where they're at with non-monogamy. Let's say there's a TV show where it's depicted; begin by casually asking them about how they feel about that. There's really no correct way to broach the topic, but it's one of those things that should be done over time where you're getting a feel for what your partner believes in. If you get resistance or push-back, it's probably something the person you're dating is not interested in.

What if my partner is into it? How do we move forward?

Communication is extremely important in any relationship, be it opened or closed. If your partner is receptive to it, ask them what they would like it to look like. Somebody might say they'd like to engage in group sex together, or date other people, or just have sex with other people but come back to their partner at night. It's about understanding their preferences and also trying to create preferences that match each other. You're trying to create a balance in terms of both of your needs and wants.

How can couples therapy help?

At PhIIRST, our therapists can help create a smooth transition from monogamy to non-monogamy. We zero in on limit setting and communication, and also emphasize trust and respect within the relationship. Doing it blindly can get messy and rough. It has to be done in a way that's healthy for both partners; not just one.

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Thousands of Hong Kong protesters call on Trump to 'liberate' city amid standoff

Twelfth week of unrest sees message shift to democracy.

Hong Kong police fired tear gas to disperse protesters in the upmarket Causeway Bay shopping district on Sunday, after demonstrators had rallied at the U.S. Consulate calling for help in bringing democracy to the Chinese-ruled city.

Police moved on protesters from the Central business district who dispersed to nearby Admiralty, the bar district of Wan Chai and on to Causeway Bay in a now familiar pattern of cat-and-mouse clashes over three months of unrest.

Activists set barricades, smashed windows, started street fires and vandalized the MTR metro station in Central, the smartest district of the former British colony.

Central district, home to banks, jewelry shops and top-brand shopping arcades, was awash in graffiti, broken glass and bricks torn up from pathways. Protesters set fires from cardboard boxes, building barricades with metal fencing.

"We can't leave because there are riot police," said protesters Oscar, 20, in Causeway Bay. "They fired tear gas from the station. We are heading to North Point."

North Point is east of Causeway Bay.

Thousands of protesters earlier sang the Star Spangled Banner and called on U.S. President Donald Trump to "liberate" the city. They waved the Stars and Stripes and placards demanding democracy.

"Fight for freedom, stand with Hong Kong," they shouted before handing over petitions at the U.S. Consulate. "Resist Beijing, liberate Hong Kong."

U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper on Saturday urged China to exercise restraint in Hong Kong, which returned to Chinese rule in 1997.

Esper made his call in Paris as police in Hong Kong prevented protesters from blocking access to the airport but fired tear gas for a second night running in the densely populated district of Mong Kok.

Pockets of protest broke out in Kowloon over the harbor from the main island of Hong Kong on Sunday night, including in Prince Edward, close to Mong Kok.

Last month Trump suggested China should "humanely" settle the problem in Hong Kong before a trade deal is reached with Washington. Earlier Trump called the protests "riots" that were a matter for China to deal with.

> **"Fight for freedom, stand with Hong Kong. Resist Beijing, liberate Hong Kong."**
>
> **Pro-democracy chants heard outside the U.S. Consulate**

The vandalism started in the evening. Police have responded to violence over 14 weeks with water cannon, rubber bullets and tear gas.

Several arrests were made.

Hong Kong returned to

Protesters hold signs and U.S. flags during a rally in Hong Kong, China.

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PHA is providing an opportunity for public review and comments on a proposed amendment to the MTW Annual Plan concerning PHA's plans to convert 149 public housing units at three existing public housing developments (Queen Lane, Queen Row and Norris Apartments) to project-based assistance under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. The proposed amendment is available for public review and downloading on PHA's website at www.pha.phila.gov under the "Latest News" section, and may also be reviewed at PHA Headquarters at the address noted below. PHA public housing residents, Housing Choice Voucher Program participants and the general public are invited to attend and provide comments at the public hearing and/or to submit written comments during the public comment period. The public hearing is scheduled for:

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China under a "one country, two systems" formula that guarantees freedoms not enjoyed on the mainland. Many Hong Kong residents fear Beijing is eroding that autonomy.

"FOMENTING UNREST"

China denies the accusation of meddling and says Hong Kong is an internal affair. It has denounced the protests, accusing the United States and Britain of fomenting unrest, and warned of the damage to the economy.

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam announced concessions last week aimed at ending the protests, including formally scrapping a hugely unpopular extradition bill, which ignited the unrest in June. Many protesters said it was too little, too late.

The bill would have allowed the extradition of people to mainland China to stand trial in courts controlled by the Communist Party. Hong Kong has an independent judiciary dating back to British rule.

But the demonstrations have long since broadened into calls for democracy.

U.S. legislation addressing China's actions in Hong Kong will be among the top priorities pushed by Senate Democrats when Congress returns to work after a recess this week, their leader, Sen. Chuck Schumer, said on Thursday.

Schumer urged Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican who sets the floor agenda, to bring up a bipartisan bill that would require an annual justification of the special treatment afforded by Washington to Hong Kong, including special trade and business privileges, under the U.S. Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992.

The legislation, called the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act, would also mandate that officials in China and Hong Kong who have undermined the city's autonomy are vulnerable to sanctions.

Protesters, in a petition handed to the U.S. Consulate, urged that it be passed in full.

Joshua Wong, one of the leaders of the pro-democracy "Umbrella" movement five years ago, was re-arrested at the airport on Sunday on return from Germany and the United States for breaching bail conditions, he said.

He had been charged with inciting and participating in an unauthorized assembly outside police headquarters on June 21 and released on bail.

"Preliminary legal advice suggested that the court had acknowledged and approved my trips to Germany and the U.S. when it granted bail on Aug. 30," he said in a statement. "Therefore, it is believed that some mistakes have been made on the bail certificate."

He said he thought he would be freed on Monday. REUTERS

Protesters during a rally to the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong.

A protester is seen next to U.S. flags in Central, Hong Kong.

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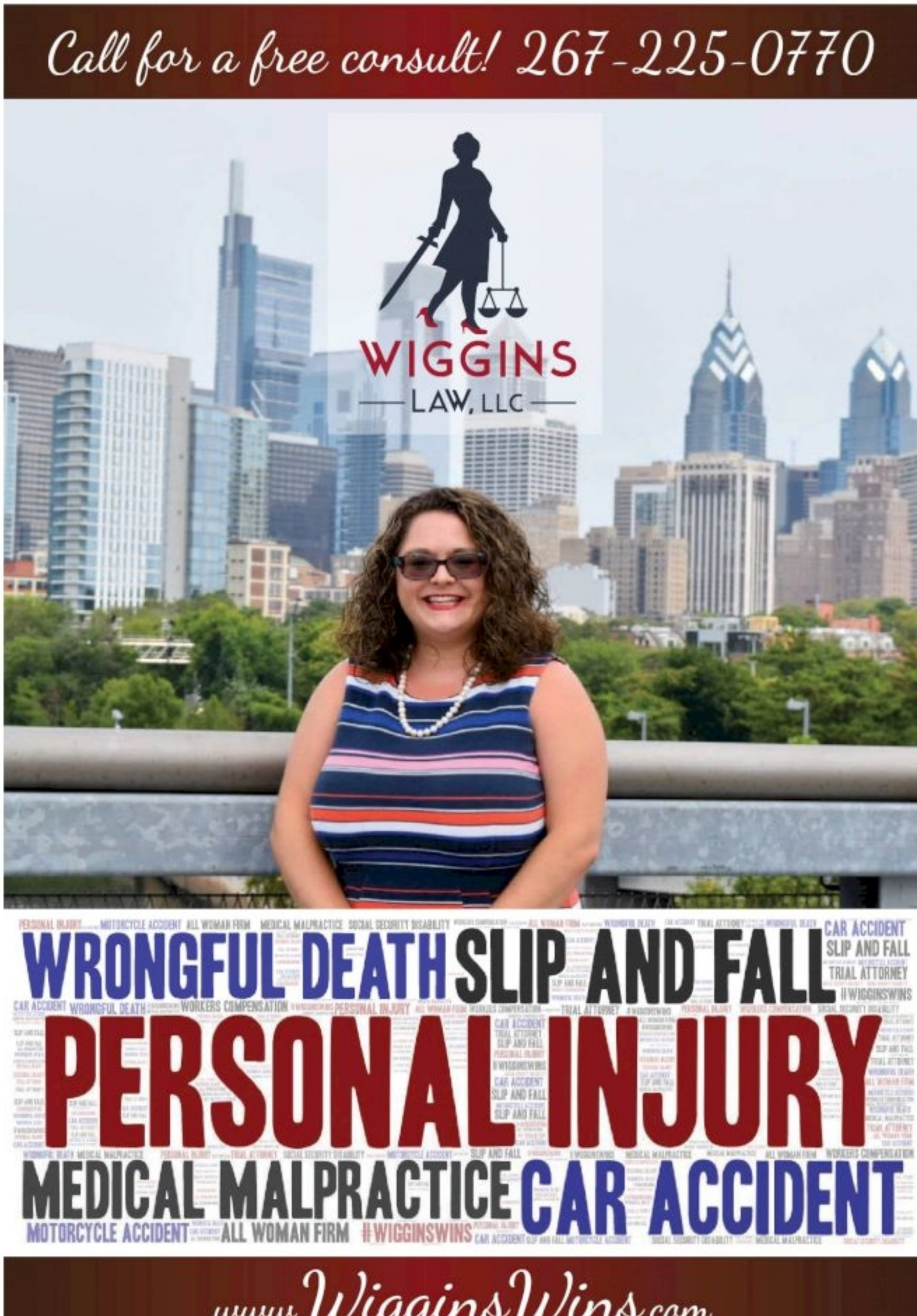

ISTOCK IMAGES

Study shows you should read before bed

Need sleep? You may want to crack a book.

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A new study done by Sleep Junkie sheds light on the one thing you should do before turning in for the night.

The organization, which was founded by "a bunch of lifetime insomniacs who wanted something better than restless nights," recently conducted a study that showed 17 percent of those surveyed had a better quality of sleep when they read a book before hitting the lights.

According to the study, the snoozers who read before bed caught an additional hour and 37 minutes more sleep then non-bedtime readers. On average, the pre-sleep readers spent about 43 minutes reading in bed. Over 80 percent of participants felt that reading before bed helped them relax.

Only 15 percent of respondents said they read five or more nights a week in bed. Coming in second place, 12 percent of people read in bed three to four nights a week.

When it comes to print, tablet/phone or e-reader, 44 percent of people surveyed prefer to read traditional print books; 38 percent prefer e-readers and the other 17 percent read on their phones. Instead of reading, 72 percent of respondents said they used tech in bed five or more nights a week. Out of that 72 percent, 86 of tech users played with their cellphones in bed.

But about 33 percent of people who use their phones before bed struggle to sleep. Experts believe the blue light emitted from phones and other tech can throw off the body's circadian rhythm.

When it comes to bedtime readers, they are all about healthy habits. Fifty-six percent of them report eating healthy food as opposed to 44 percent of non-readers. And 57 percent of bedtime readers engage in healthy recreation; only 43 percent of nonreaders felt that they participated in those same activities.

So, is reading before bed a good habit to start? Maybe, seeing as 96 percent of bedtime readers would recommend the habit to others.

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India loses contact with spacecraft on mission to the moon

Students walk past a screen during a live streaming of Chandrayaan-2 landing at an educational institute in Mumbai. REUTERS

India lost contact with a spacecraft it was trying to land on the moon on Saturday, its space agency said, in a setback for the nation's ambitious plans to become the first country to probe the unexplored lunar south pole.

The lander of the Chandrayaan-2 moon mission was attempting a "soft," or controlled, landing near the south pole of the moon where scientists believe there could be water ice. Communication was lost just as it was about to touch down.

"Data is being analyzed," K Sivan, chairman of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), told distraught scientists at the agency's tracking center in Bengaluru.

The Indian-designed spacecraft, which had been orbiting the moon, began descending to the lunar surface at about 8:07 p.m. GMT but scientists lost contact with it during the penultimate stage of the descent.

A live broadcast from ISRO, India's equivalent of NASA, showed scientists grow tense and the floor fall silent as the control station struggled to get a signal from the lander.

"There are ups and downs in life ... What you have accomplished is no small achievement," Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was present at the ISRO center, told scientists after being briefed by Sivan.

ISRO has not commented further, but Modi hinted in an address to the nation that the lander might have traveled at a higher-than-expected speed and crash landed on the moon.

"If historians some day write about today's incident, they will certainly say that inspired by our romantic description of the moon throughout life, Chandrayaan, in the last leg of the journey, rushed to embrace the moon," he said.

"I can proudly say that the effort was worth it and so was the journey," Modi added.

In an emotional moment broadcast on TV channels, Modi embraced and consoled a visibly heart-broken Sivan.

"We are full of confidence that when it comes to our space program, the best is yet to come," Modi said.

"15 MINUTES OF TERROR"

Sivan had earlier described the final moments of the landing mission as "15 minutes of terror," due to the complexities involved with lunar gravity, terrain and dust.

Only the United States, Russia and China have landed on the moon. Beijing's Chang'e-4 probe touched down on the far side this year, while Israel made an unsuccessful attempt to land its Beresheet spacecraft on the moon in April.

The south pole is believed to contain water as craters in the region are largely unaffected by the high temperatures of the sun. ISRO had hoped to confirm the presence of water in the form of ice, first detected on its mission in 2008.

Experts said the lander and rover were only a part of the moon mission and Chandrayaan-2's orbiter was still orbiting the moon and will collect and send back valuable data for one year.

Mukund Rao, chief executive of the Centre for Spatial Analytics and Advanced GIS, said there may have been gaps in planning the moon landing.

"They have to go back to the drawing board and try it once again," said Rao, a senior ISRO scientist for 24 years who later joined private and non-government space projects.

He said scientists need a deeper understanding of aspects such as braking and thrusting mechanisms, as well as the terrain of the moon. It was important to analyze the data and find out what happened, Rao said.

India has further ambitions in space.

Last year, Modi announced a 100 billion rupee project — named "Gaganyaan" — that aims to send a three-member crew to low Earth orbit by 2022. REUTERS

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LIFESTYLE

5 Fun things to do in Philly this week

Head to an outdoor country music festival, dinner date ideas and more.

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Head to Urban Farmer's Beer-B-Q this week. ALL PHOTOS PUNCH MEDIA

Some delicious offerings from Urban Farmer's Beer-B-Q.

Looking for fun and unique things to do this week? As summer winds down, it's the best time to make the most of outdoor events and indulge in summer flavors while you can. Here are five fun things to do in Philly this week.

Scarpetta Anniversary Dinner

Scarpetta celebrates turning three with an irresistible dinner special of Italian classics with an emphasis on fresh seafood available until Sept. 14. If you love seafood, this is the dinner for you. Located in the Rittenhouse Hotel, Scarpetta is the perfect date night spot with romantic views of Rittenhouse Square.The prix fixe anniversary menu is $35 for three courses. Start with an appetizer choice of raw yellowtail or a seafood salad highlighting the end of summer with bay scallops, crab, shrimp, corn, tomato and a lemon vinaigrette. Main course selections are lobster gnocchi, seared scallops with spinach truffle puree and a filet mignon. For dessert, try Scarpetta's signature espresso budino. *Sept. 9-14, times vary, Scarpetta, 210 W. Rittenhouse Sq., $35, scarpettarestaurants.com*

Dinner Party With Ari Miller of Musi

If you're serious about food, this is the event for you. Reserve a spot for a special dinner cooked by the restaurateur named "Best Chef of 2019" by Philadelphia Magazine. Ari Miller, chef and owner of Musi BYOB in Pennsport, teams up with Primal Supply Meats for a one-night only dinner you won't forget. Miller is known for featuring local meats and produce cooked with Middle Eastern flavors. *Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m., Primal Supply Meats, 1521 N. 31st St., $165-$190, primalsupplymeats.com*

Gipsy Kings

The Grammy Award-winning Gipsy Kings combine pop, flamenco and salsa for a concert that will raise the roof at Parx Casino's Xcite Center. The group's dance-worthy signature sound attracts millions of Spotify listeners each month. Flamenco guitars and energetic Spanish vocals will make this a night to remember in the casino's dazzling venue. Each concert ticket for the Gipsy Kings also includes a digital download of their upcoming live album released on. Doors for the concert are at 6:30 p.m. *Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m., Xcite Center at Parx Casino, 2999 Street Rd., Bensalem, $47.50-$87.50, parxcasino.com*

Urban Farmer's Beer-B-Q

Celebrate the end of summer with a barbecue on the Parkway. Steakhouse Urban Farmer takes their cuisine to the sidewalk for this special dinner with BBQ platters, live music and lawn games. Featured breweries include Cape May Brewing Company, Yards and Pizza Boy. Executive Chef Sonny Ingui is on grill duty to cook barbecue fare that goes beyond the standard hot dogs, including applewood smoked brisket served with a Memphis style BBQ sauce made with Victory Storm King and grilled jumbo shrimp skewers. Don't miss the East Coast oyster station where oysters are shucked or grilled to order for $3 each or $16 per half-dozen. *Sept. 12, 5-9 p.m., Urban Farmer, 1850 Benjamin Franklin Pkway, pay as you go, urbanfarmerphiladelphia.com*

Outlaw Music Festival

The touring music festival organized by the original country music outlaw Willie Nelson returns to the Mann Center on Friday. Nelson himself will perform along with other top tier acts including Bonnie Rait, Alison Krauss and Gov't Mule. Nelson canceled several tour dates in August due to health issues but is scheduled to get back on the road for his festival tour. *Sept. 13, 4 p.m., Mann Center, 5201 Parkside Ave., $35-$225, manncenter.org*

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'It all comes down to education'

UCS founder David M. Cunic gives a sneak peek of what you'll learn at the New Jersey Cannabis Convention this weekend.

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The past few years have seen a lot of nationwide advancements being made in the cannabis industry. With the ever-growing popularity of the natural remedy, many people are wondering what the plant actually is, what it does and who it can help. All of that information and more can be learned at the 2019 New Jersey Cannabis Convention taking place this weekend (Sept. 14-15) at the Atlantic City Convention Center. One of the panelists featured at the convention, David M. Cunic, who founded UCS (Use Cannabis Safely) Advisors sat down with Metro to give us a sneak peek at some of the criteria you will learn about this weekend at the event.

How did you originally get involved in the cannabis industry?
I originally got involved in the cannabis industry in 2010-2011. We started as an online health and wellness platform for people and their pets, where we used to present 100 different articles a day on health and wellness. Part of that was about CBD, as well as cannabis. Now, I've been with UCS Advisors for a couple of years where we do advisory work in the cannabis industry as well as investor relations.

What would you say are some of the biggest misconceptions about cannabis?
The first one that comes to mind is that all cannabis is exactly the same. That's probably one of the biggest misconceptions. People don't realize that there are numerous types of strains used for a vast amount of medical conditions. People really just have their blinders on, meaning that they're not realizing the potential uses of cannabis as well as hemp, and how it can be used in so many different facets. One problem is we don't have enough research here in the United States. Having limited research gives us limited answers, whereas in other parts of the world such as Israel where they've done research for years, they are really showing the maximum benefits of [cannabis].

For those who don't know, what health benefits can cannabis supply?
It can be used for Crohn's disease, it can be used for epilepsy. If you want to get back into misconceptions, most people say, "Oh well you can use cannabis to increase your appetite." But there are actually strains of cannabis that are used to decrease your appetite as well. A lot of people also don't realize it can be used as a lotion for psoriasis and eczema. Those are the ones that most people say they never knew about at all.

Where do you see this industry moving in the next five to 10 years?
That's a hard question to answer, but personally speaking as a medical advisor, I think all 50 states should have medical laws and that it should be truly used as a medicine first. From there, within less than 10 years, you're going to see recreation within all 50 states. It's coming whether you like it or not — it's coming out of the pipeline and things are certainly shaping up that way. There are over 30 medical states now and I think within the next five years you're going to see over 40 states with medical laws. This is just my opinion, but once you see 45 states with medical laws, you're going to see recreational usage throughout the country happening very quickly.

Are there any other perks cannabis has as a medicine compared to what most people use today?
If you wanted to take another route, it's kind of like homeopathic medicine; people who use herbs or plants as their medicine will find it helpful. You see that with Chinese medicine sometimes, they use a lot of herbs and supplements and I think that's what you're going to see more and more. In terms of using it as a medicine, I think people are going to be more conscientious of whether or not they want to take a pharmaceutical pill with a bunch of chemicals and different compounds or use something more natural. There are just a lot less side effects as well.

One of the mottos you use often is "Use cannabis safely." Can you tell me a bit more about what you mean by that?
As a medical provider, I believe that cannabis should be used as a medicine first and there

should be medical usage in all 50 states. If it's going to be used as a medicine, it should be treated as a medicine. When I say use cannabis safely, a lot of that comes down to education, where empowering doctors, pain management facilities, hospitals, orthopedic surgeons and psychologists about the benefits of cannabis, and showing how cannabis can be used as a different type of medicine to be prescribed. For example, we take Adderall all of the time, or Ritalin. Why can't cannabis be used instead of taking a bunch of inflammatories? Part of the medical code of ethics is to empower patients with education and knowledge, and that's where UCS comes from.

To learn more about the 2019 New Jersey Cannabis Convention and UCS, visit necann.com.

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Aries Travel far and wide physically, spiritually or intellectually to find answers. Your quest for the truth will be what points you in the right direction.

Taurus Look for new beginnings. Eliminate what isn't working for you and move on to people and projects that you can adapt to quickly. If you go with the flow, opportunities will manifest.

Gemini Prepare before you make a move. Know with whom you are dealing and what's expected of you before you decide to sign up for something time-consuming or expensive.

Cancer Step into the spotlight and present what you have to offer. Your words will resonate with people who feel the same way you do. Partnerships can be developed.

Leo Don't alter your plans just because someone else takes a different path. Stick to what works best for you. Moderation should be implemented into whatever you decide to do.

Virgo Take action. Nothing will happen if you don't make an effort to direct your energy in a positive direction that will bear fruit. Use your imagination, strength and desire to advance.

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Capricorn If you concentrate on what you are trying to accomplish, you will be pleased with the results. A change at home will put your mind at ease regarding financial, health or legal issues.

Aquarius An open mind will help you assess a situation from every angle and reduce your chance of risk. When in doubt, go to an expert to obtain up-to-date information.

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Geena Davis demands gender balance in media

Oscar-winning actress and advocate Geena Davis brings discrimination in Hollywood to full view in her documentary "This Changes Everything." Davis will receive an honorary Oscar in October for her work in increasing the representation of women in entertainment.

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After the iconic actress Geena Davis won an Oscar for "The Accidental Tourist" (1988), all doors in Hollywood have opened for her. She became a superstar after "Thelma & Louise" (1991) with another Oscar nomination, and conquered baseball with "A League of Their Own" (1992). Success of those movies with both female leads and directors (Callie Khouri, Penny Marshall) was a clear sign that things were moving to the right direction.

"Everybody told me after 'Thelma & Louise' that now we're going to see more movies about women, starring women. But it didn't happen," Davis told at the L.A. Press Club in Hollywood.

The momentum died down, and everything went back to the way it was. Soon Davis couldn't find interesting roles for women, and decided to focus on other things. She founded The Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media (GDIGM) in 2004 to improve the balance and reduce stereotyping of women and girls in film and television.

"I was showing this carefully selected TV program to my toddler, but I was horrified that there were so many more male characters than female. We were teaching kids to have a conscious gender bias from Minute One!"

Davis was sure that others have noticed it, too, and started mentioning it at every meeting in Hollywood.

"They said that it's not a problem anymore, it's been fixed! But you can't just assume if you don't have the numbers. That's when I decided to do something about it."

Research done at the institute shows how men outnumber women in leading roles, speaking time, and screen time. It is even worse in children's entertainment, where males exceed females in all three areas with 60-to-40 percent advantage.

"All I want is that boys and girls see that they are equally interesting, smart, and funny. They are each half of the population. Let's reflect it!"

Data from several studies conducted by GDIGM pop up in the documentary "This Changes Everything," with Davis as executive producer. She also appears in it along with other A-list actresses such as Meryl Streep, Cate Blanchett, Reese Witherspoon and Natalie Portman.

"I have worked with two female directors and one of them was me," says Portman in the documentary.

This is not surprising since nearly every (92 percent) top-grossing film of 2018 was directed by a man. Directors Catherine Hardwicke ("Thirteen," "Twilight") and Kimberly Peirce ("Boys Don't Cry," "Carrie") know firsthand what that means. They explain how the system offers men better projects and helps them be more successful.

"I didn't think there was sexism since they let me make a movie, but I learned that exceptionalism does not prove the rule. I noticed that women were succeeding downwards and men were failing upwards," Peirce laments.

The iconic actress Geena Davis. GETTY

Besides being offered more opportunities, male directors get bigger budgets, wider distribution, and bonuses such as cars. After "Twilight" (2008) performed twice as well in the opening weekend than the studio had anticipated, director Catherine Hardwicke was hopeful. The vampire movie catapulted Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson into hyper-celebrity, and launched the franchise that made nearly $400 million worldwide.

"When I was traveling with the movie as it opened in other countries, the head of marketing would walk past me toward Rob and Kristen and ask what color of car they would want. All I got was a mini-cupcake in the office," Hardwicke says.

She laughs at the memory now, but expected to get bigger budget movies right after the success of Twilight.

"The next movie I got had a smaller budget and I got paid less, which was shocking."

Another exceptional woman succeeded downwards.

"Until I heard Geena talk about these issues, I thought it was only me who was treated this way."

Davis points out in the documentary that systemic gender discrimination inside the film industry impacts the whole world. A balanced industry would not only enrich our cultural world, but offer positive and important role models for young girls.

"If she can see it, she can be it," the institute states on its website (seejane.org).

The actor-advocate has taken the data directly to the decision makers. There have been some improvements in hiring practices, the percentage of family films with a female lead has doubled in the past four years, and Disney announced that 40 percent of their upcoming movies will have a female director.

Davis will be honored with the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences on Oct. 27.

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There are two games on the Monday night slate in Week 1 as the Texans will play at New Orleans and the Broncos will be at Oakland. Starting with the Texans and Saints, the Saints are 6.5-point favorites right now at **MetroBet.us/Sugar.**

Houston had the fifth-best defense in the league last year in terms of fewest points allowed per game, but teams were able to throw on them. The Texans were 27th in the NFL last season in passing yards allowed per game.

With Jadeveon Clowney now in Seattle, Houston's pass rush won't be as strong — meaning Drew Brees could have a field day on Monday.

Brees and the Saints offense have traditionally had no problem getting in synch in Week 1, as last year they put up 40 points against Tampa Bay. At home tonight, look for New Orleans to cover the spread.

The Monday nightcap is a highly intriguing betting game, with the dysfunctional Raiders as a 2.5-point home underdog. A team quarterbacked by a 34-year-old Joe Flacco should probably not be a road favorite under any scenario, but the Raiders cannot get out of their own way right now.

Jon Gruden will surely play the "Us Against the World" card with his team tonight following the crazy Antonio Brown drama, but the fact of the matter is that this is a bad matchup for the Raiders. Oakland is projected to have a bottom five defense as they reached for Clelin Ferrell in the draft, and will be relying on Vontaze Burfict — who has a million miles on his odometer.

Conversely, Denver should have a top five defense as new head coach Vic Fangio orchestrated the Bears top-ranked D last season and the Broncos already had a talented group in place with Von Miller and Bradley Chubb leading the way.

The play: $10 parlay on Saints -6.5, Broncos -2.5

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TWEET OF THE DAY

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I am no conspiracy theorist but I would give it greater than 50% odds that Antonio Brown is actually a completely normal dude and this has been a slow con to get on the Patriots starting pre blonde mustache.

Best Bets

College FB betting: Oklahoma at UCLA

The Jalen Hurts era could not have gotten off to a better start in Oklahoma, as he's already accounted for nine TDs in less than two games played. He's completed over 80 percent of his passes and is averaging over 14 yards per attempt. The UCLA Bruins bring a better defense to the table than Houston or South Dakota did in Weeks 1 and 2, but Oklahoma is more than up to the challenge that Chip Kelly's underachieving offense offers.

Many were calling for an offensive renaissance in Los Angeles before the 2019 campaign kicked off, but Kelly's attack looks about as stagnant as it was last year. Dorian Thompson-Robinson and company have mustered just 14 points in each of their first two games against Cincinnati and San Diego State, respectively. The sophomore signal caller has completed just 52.5 percent of his passes while averaging a mere 5.8 yards per attempt. UCLA's leading rusher is currently a wide receiver, Demetric Felton (99 yards on 33 carries).

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Bettors should not be concerned with the Sooners playing this one away from Norman on Saturday afternoon, as they've won 20 straight road contests.

The play: Sooners -11.5

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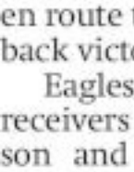
Jackson, Wentz lead Eagles to comeback win over Redskins

Monster game from returning hero Jackson fuels come-from-behind win.



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DeSean Jackson (No. 10) scored a pair of long touchdowns in the Eagles' win over Washington. GETTY IMAGES

Heading into Sunday's regular-season opener, many analysts and fans believed that the Philadelphia Eagles would blow out their NFC East rivals, the Washington Redskins.

But that was not the case early on as the Redskins, led by veteran quarterback Case Keenum, jumped out to an impressive 17-7 first-half lead.

However, when the game moved to the second half, the Eagles dominated the Redskins on both sides of the ball en route to a 32-27 comeback victory.

Eagles veteran wide receivers DeSean Jackson and Alshon Jeffery played an instrumental role in the team's comeback win.

Jackson, who was signed to a three-year deal in free agency, had two 50-plus yard touchdown receptions in the first and third quarters. It would be his 30th and 31st career touchdown receptions of over 50-plus yards.

The 32-year-old led both teams in receiving with eight catches (nine targets) for 154 yards and a touchdown.

Eagles fourth-year quarterback Carson Wentz also had a fantastic game, completing 72 percent of his passes for 313 yards and three touchdowns.

But to begin the game, Philadelphia's defense did not have any answers for Keenum, who last played the Eagles in the 2017 NFC Championship Game with the Minnesota Vikings. Keenum completed 66 percent of his passes for 380 yards and three touchdowns.

On their first offensive drive, the veteran signal-caller found veteran tight end Vernon Davis for an acrobatic 48-yard touchdown to put Washington on the scoreboard first.

Philadelphia's deficit only grew when Washington proceeded to march down the field for another score, thanks to a 41-yard field goal by Dustin Hopkins.

Down by 10, the Eagles looked poised to respond, but an ensuing 12-play drive ended on a failed fourth-down conversion.

Washington fed off that momentum as the Eagles' deficit was suddenly at 17-0 when Keenum hit rookie wideout Terry McLaurin for a 69-yard touchdown.

With Eagles fans at Lincoln Financial Field getting annoyed by the ineptitude of the team's offense, Wentz and company responded with a 51-yard touchdown pass to Jackson, setting the tone for a big second half.

The Eagles' offense not only converted a fourth down and short but got the running game going with 36-year-old Darren Sproles leading the way.

Philadelphia ultimately capped off their first offensive drive of the second half with Wentz finding Jeffery for a five-yard score.

From there, momentum was on the Eagles' side as they clamped down on Washington, holding them to minus-three rushing yards. In the first half alone, the Redskins had 31 yards on the ground.

Where Washington struggled, the Eagles excelled, finishing the game with 123 rushing yards after they only had 22 in the first two quarters.

Nevertheless, Philadelphia added two more touchdowns from Jackson and Jeffery in the third and fourth quarters for a five-point victory to open the regular season.

The Eagles (1-0) will now head to Atlanta to face the Falcons (0-1) next Sunday night (8:20 p.m. ET, NBC).

METRO'S 3 STARS OF THE GAME

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Serena Williams must wait for major No. 24

Williams was soundly beaten in straight sets by Canadian youngster Bianca Andreescu.

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Serena Williams was defeated by Bianca Andreescu at the U.S. Open final. GETTY IMAGES

Serena Williams will have to wait until 2020 to try to tie Margaret Court in the record books.

For the fourth straight time in a Grand Slam final, Serena came up short against a superior opponent, this time falling to 19-year-old Canadian star Bianca Andreescu, 6-3, 7-5, in the U.S. Open final before 26,191 spectators — including Meghan Markle — at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Serena remains stuck on 23 Grand Slam titles, one shy of Court's all-time mark of 24. She is now 0-4 in her last four attempts at winning a major as a mother, falling in back-to-back U.S. Open and Wimbledon finals. She was attempting to join a select group of moms to win a Grand Slam title.

"Bianca played an unbelievable match and congratulations," Williams, who turns 38 this month, said courtside. "So proud and happy for you. It was incredible tennis out there. If anyone could win this tournament outside of Venus, I'm happy it's Bianca."

Andreescu, meantime, became the first Canadian man or woman ever to capture a Grand Slam singles title. Milos Raonic and Genie Bouchard both lost in Wimbledon finals. She is also the first teenager to win a Slam since Maria Sharapova at the Open in 2006.

"Oh man, it wasn't easy at all," Andreescu said. "I tried to prepare my best. I tried to step on the court and not focus on who I'm playing. That's easy to say but I'm really proud of how I dealt with everything."

Andreescu appears to have the power, mentality and all-around game to become world No. 1 and to win multiple Slams going forward.

"I hope so, I hope so, that's going to be our mandate, all of us around her," her coach Sylvain Bruneau said on ESPN. "She's 19, there's a full career ahead of her so we're going to try to make a lot of other good things happen."

Andreescu said she plans to be greedy and win more major titles going forward.

"I love this feeling way too much," she said. "I'm the type of person who's never satisfied and I'm looking forward to this for many years to come."

As a young girl, Andreescu wrote herself a mock winner's check for the U.S. Open to motivate herself. It wasn't quite the $3.85 million she took home Saturday, but it apparently worked.

"I just kept visualizing this moment and I just never let up and kept fighting for my dreams," she said on ESPN.

Leading 5-1 in the second set, Andreescu had a match point on her serve but couldn't close it out. Serena won four straight games to tie it at 5-all and Andreescu admitted to some nerves as the crowd roared for a Serena comeback.

"Obviously it was expected for Serena to come back," she said. "That's what she does best. She's a true champion on and off the court."

After Andreescu held for a 6-5 lead, she won the match with a vicious forehand return of serve that went past Serena.

Soon Andreescu and Williams embraced at the net, the Canadian lay down on her back on the court and closed her eyes. Then she climbed up into her box to hug her coach and parents.

While Andreescu will head into the Australian Open in January with a Grand Slam title and plenty of confidence, Serena will be left looking for that elusive No. 24 to finally tie Court. The clock is ticking on her career.

"My team has been so supportive throughout all the downs and downs and downs," Serena said, "and hopefully we'll have some ups soon."

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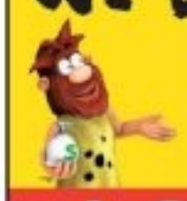

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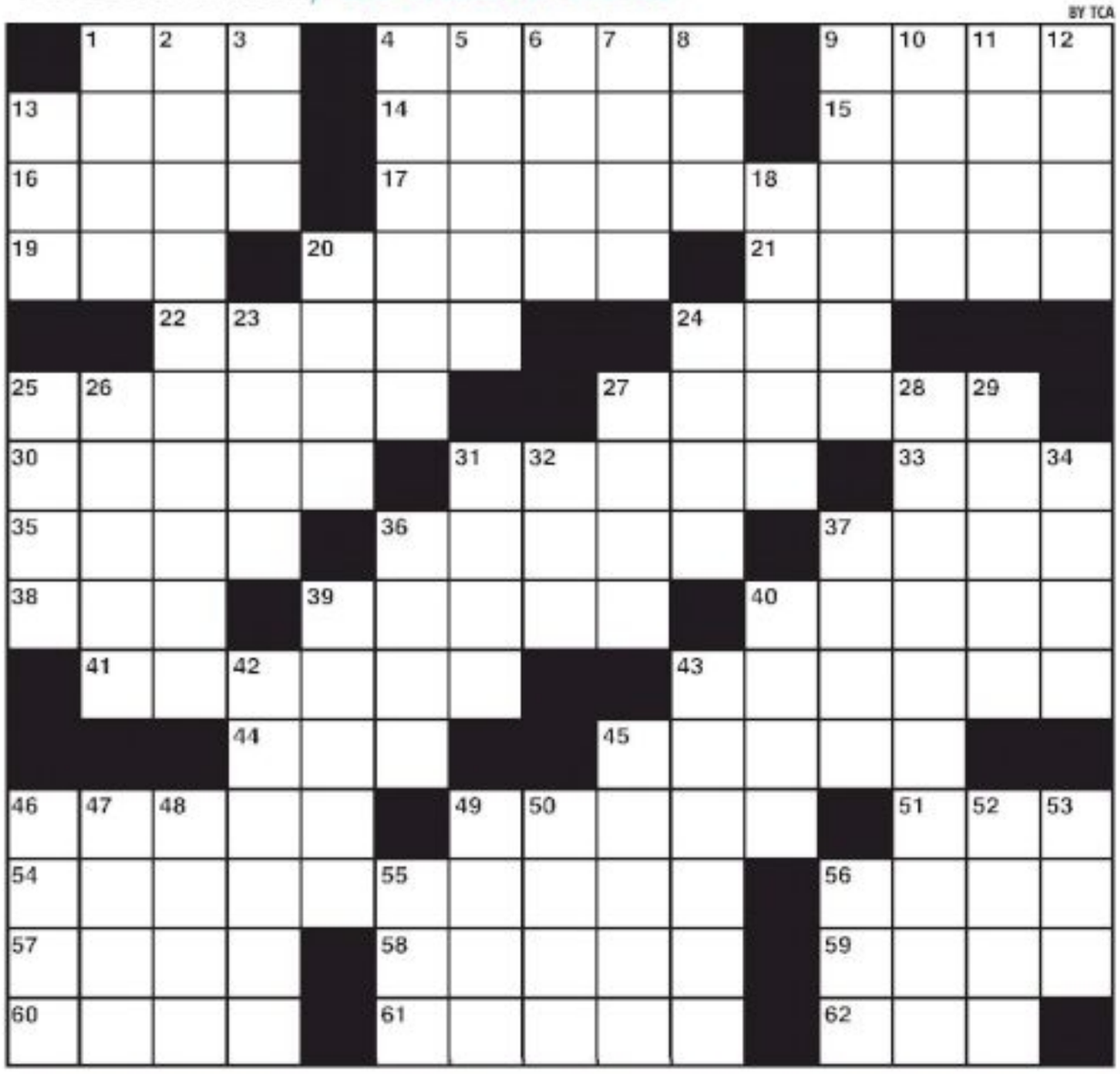

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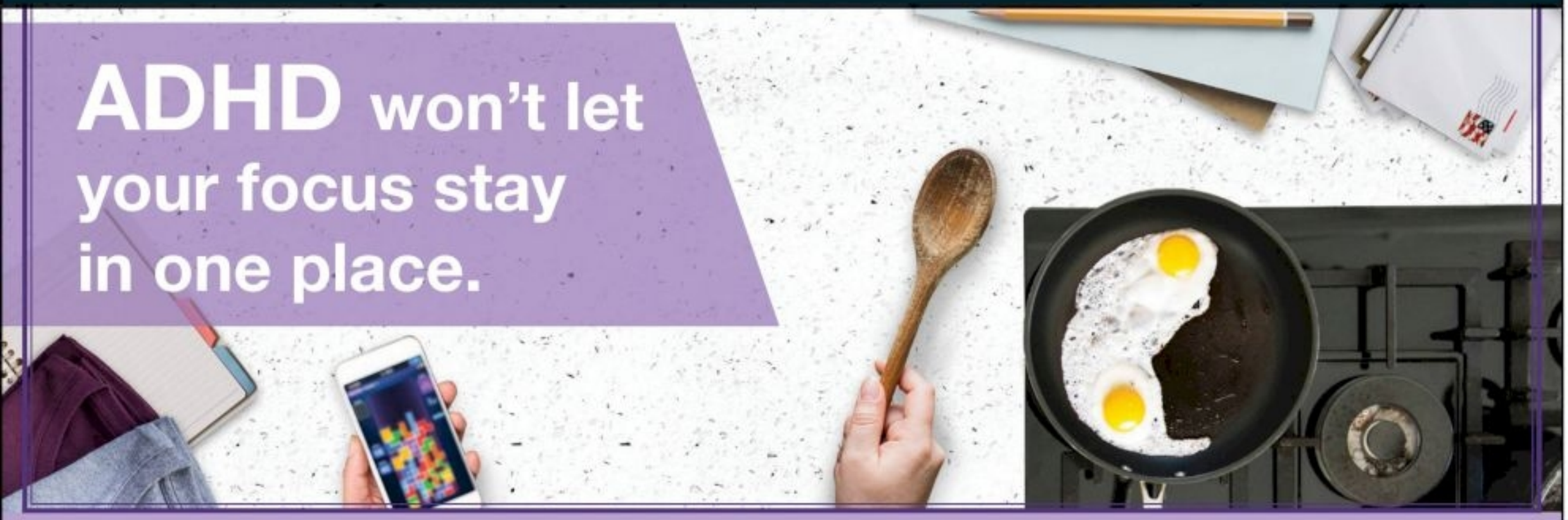

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To pre-qualify for this study, you must:

- Be 18 to 55 years of age
- Be diagnosed or have been diagnosed with ADHD

All study-related visits, tests, and study drugs will be provided at no cost. In addition, reimbursement for study-related travel may be provided.

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